


Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Moorlands House

Stockwell Street

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Dear Sirs,

Application DET/2018/0021 Prior Notification for General Purpose Agricultural Building, Rownall Road, Wetley Rocks.

I have seen the site notice in relation to the above application and inspected the drawing and supporting documents.

The relevant legislation says that the Council can assess the siting, design and external appearance of the proposed building at this stage and in the overall context of whether it is 'reasonably necessary for the purpose of agriculture within that unit'.

The proposed siting of the building has been changed so that it is moved away from the neighbouring properties and boundary hedge, and backs onto a small embankment and on the far side of the existing small livestock building. These amendments should resolve any concerns from the Council about visual impact.

Any visual impact is also helped by the significant reduction in size by more than 50% from the last application. It will have a modest visual impact and far less than some larger agricultural buildings nearby.

The design and external appearance remains the same as the last application. It is conventional and modern, like many in the immediate and wider area.

The agricultural need for the building arises from the difficulties of farming this isolated and elevated land, on what is a fragmented holding with no available general purpose facility. The need for the building is therefore logical and reasonable, satisfying the requirements of the legislation in relation to what is needed for the efficient and effective farming of this land.

I have no objection to the proposed building as there is an obvious reasonable need for it and the siting, design and external appearance are acceptable. Would you please note my support for the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Home Farm
Rownall
Wetley Rocks
S-O-T, 25/7/18